



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 5, 2001

H.R. 863 **Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 28, 2001

SUMMARY

H.R. 863 would authorize the appropriation of \$500 million for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2004 for the Attorney General to make grants designed to strengthen the juvenile justice system to state, local, and tribal governments. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 863 would cost \$1.5 billion over the 2002-2006 period. This legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would benefit state, local, and tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized in H.R. 863 will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that spending will follow the historical rates for similar programs. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 863 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law for Juvenile Accountability Block Grants						
Budget Authority ^a	250	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	247	75	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	500	500	500	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	350	500	500	150	0
Spending Under H.R. 863 for Juvenile Accountability Block Grants						
Authorization Level ^a	250	500	500	500	0	0
Estimated Outlays	247	425	500	500	150	0
a. The 2001 level is the amount appropriated for juvenile accountability incentive block grants, a program that is very similar to the one authorized by H.R. 863.						

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 863 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would benefit state, local, and tribal governments. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1.5 billion over three years in grants to state, local, and tribal governments for juvenile justice programs. Any costs incurred by these governments would be the result of complying with grant conditions and would be voluntary.

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